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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, July 31, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

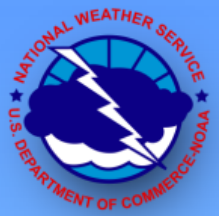
***Day 1 Hazards: Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding for NM/W OK/TX  
Panhandle. Heat Advisory Coastal TX***

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# Key Points



## Today

- **Isolated thunderstorms with heavy rain/flash flooding across N NM/W OK/TX Panhandle**
  - Flash Flood Watch N NM/Panhandles of TX/OK
- **Weak Front moves slowly south across TX**
  - Slightly Cooler Temperatures, Drier Air
- **Heat Advisory for Galveston Area**

## Saturday - Tuesday

- **Isolated tstms with heavy rain could produce Flash Flooding in NM/W OK/TX Panhandle**
- **Heat Index Values will begin to rise again early next week**

## Tropical Outlook

- **A broad area of low pressure is south-southeast of the Cape Verde Islands. Formation chance within 48 hours...low...10 percent . Formation chance within 5 days...low...10 percent.**

# \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jul 31, 2015 - Aug 4, 2015

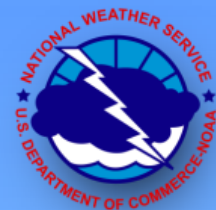
DAY/ THREAT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain /Flash Flooding	NM TX Panhandle W OK	→			
Heat	Coastal TX				Eastern half of Region
Tropical					

	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*We continue to welcome feedback on our new color scale (details in the next slide). Please send comments to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov).*



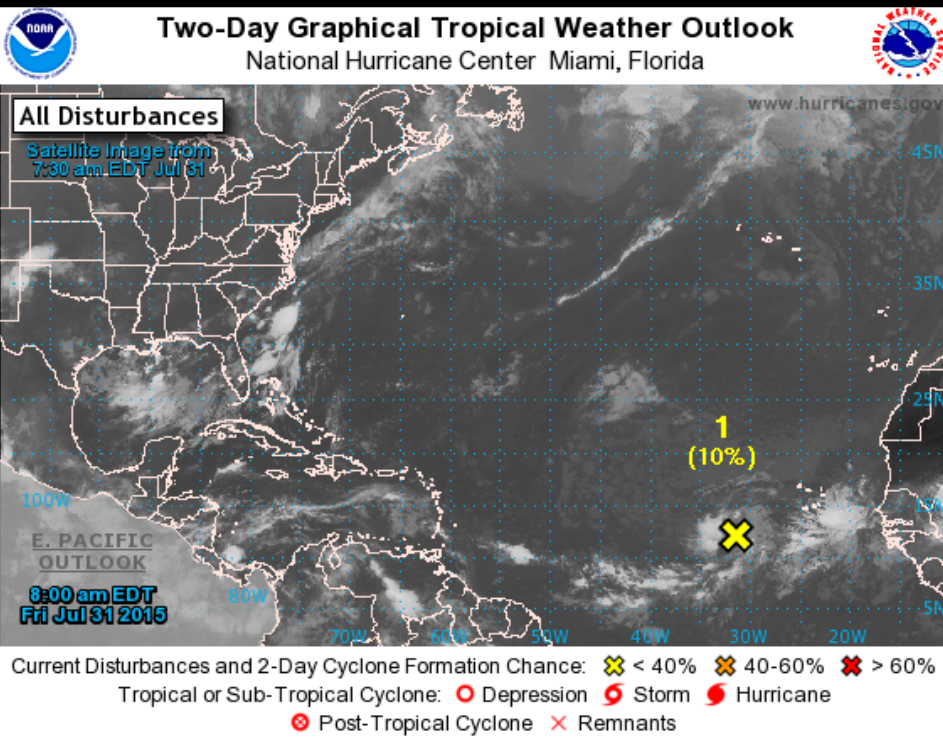
**We are experimenting with a new color scale in these briefings, starting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The criteria is below, please provide your feedback to [sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov](mailto:sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov) and we plan to re-evaluate in the coming months.**



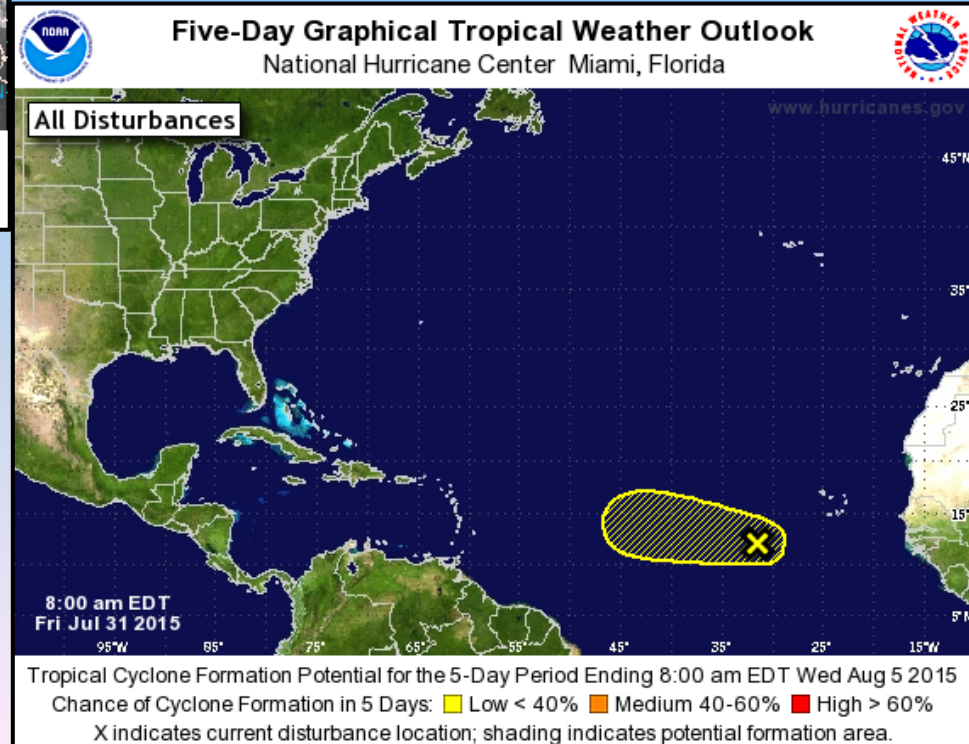
**Weather "Threat" Matrix**

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
<b>Green</b>	<b>Very Common – Happens Often</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
<b>Orange</b>	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> </ul>
<b>Red</b>	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> </ul>
<b>Purple</b>	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically results in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

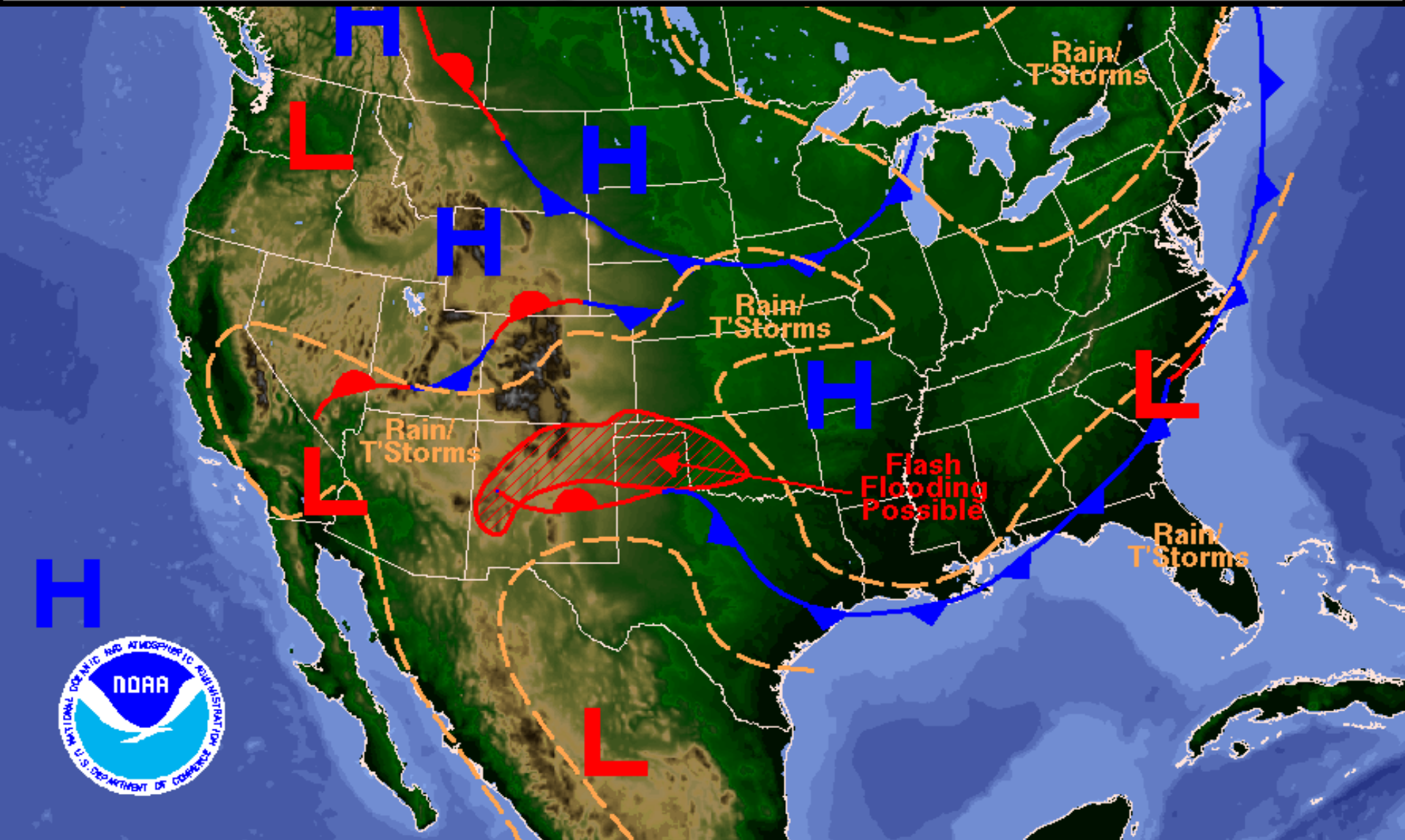
# Atlantic/Gulf Tropical Weather Outlook



**Tropical cyclone formation is not expected the next 5 days**



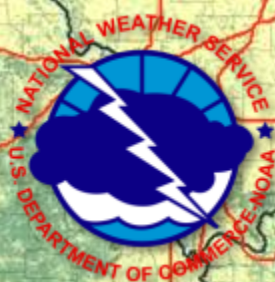
# Today's Weather



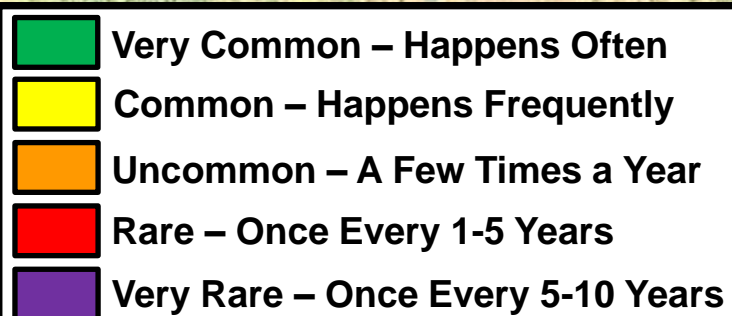
Weather Forecast for Fri, Jul 31, 2015, issued 4:26 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

# Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sat



**Isolated Thunderstorms &  
Flash Flooding**



**Heat Advisory**

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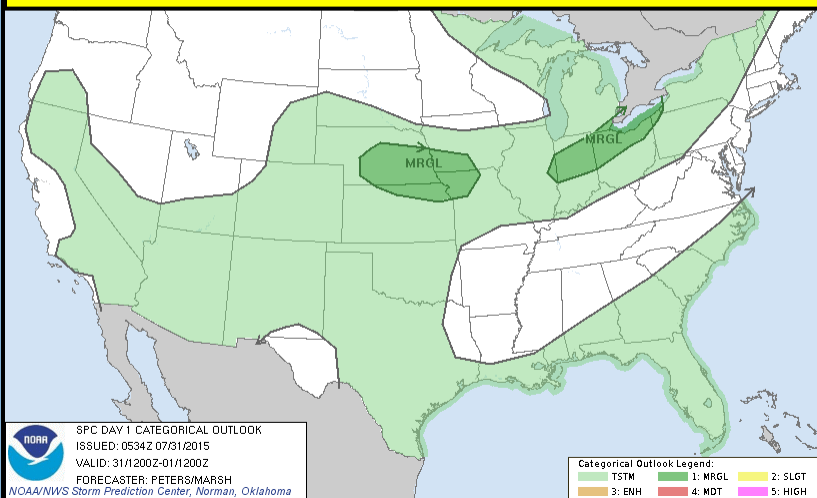


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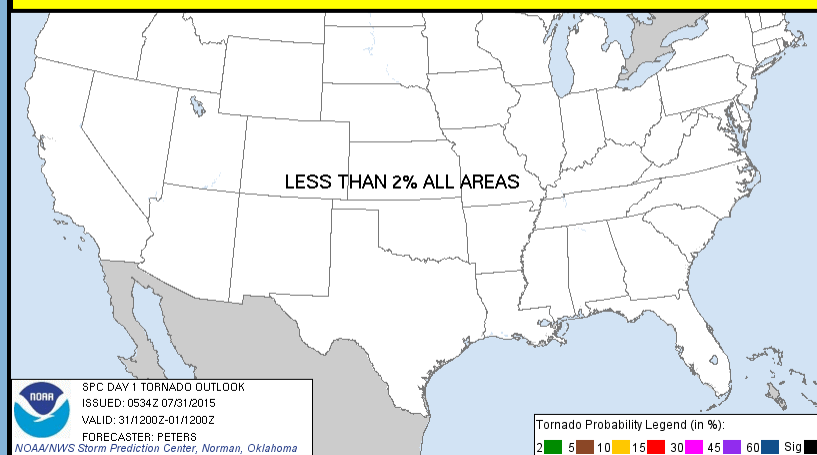


## Severe Thunderstorm Potential

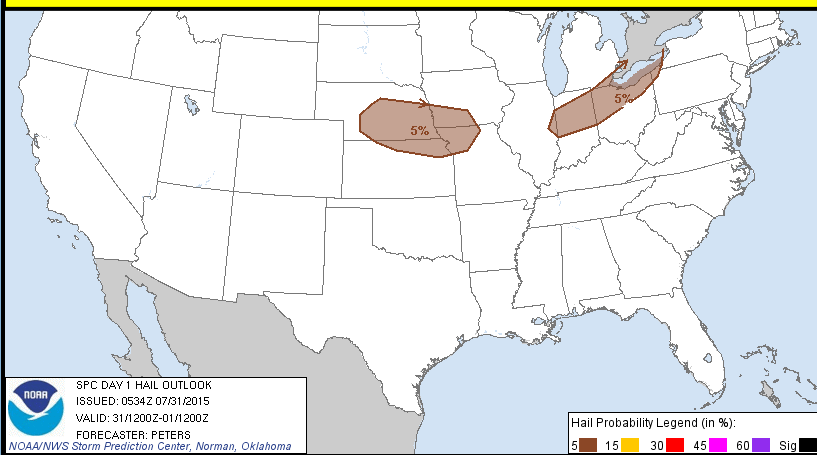
### Overall Threat Potential



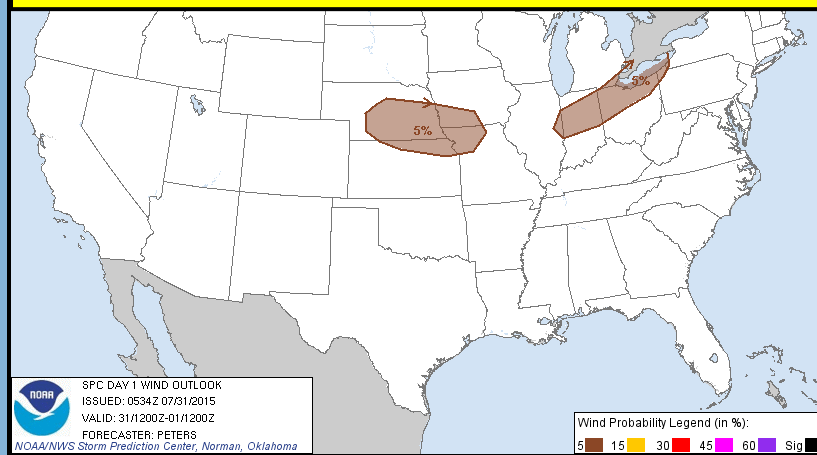
### Probability of Tornado within 25 miles of a point



### Probability of Damaging Hail within 25 miles of a point



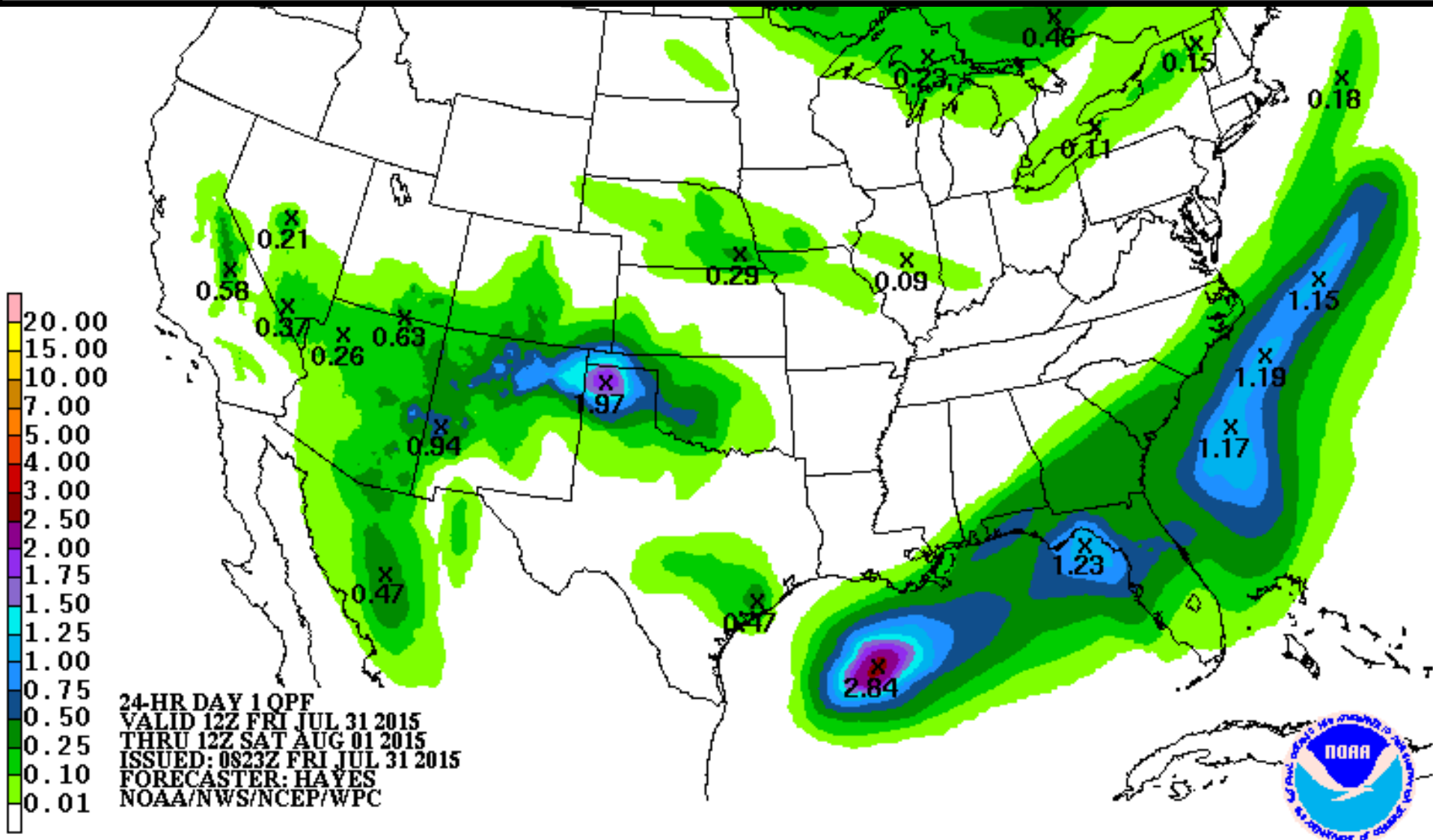
### Probability of Damaging Winds within 25 miles of a point



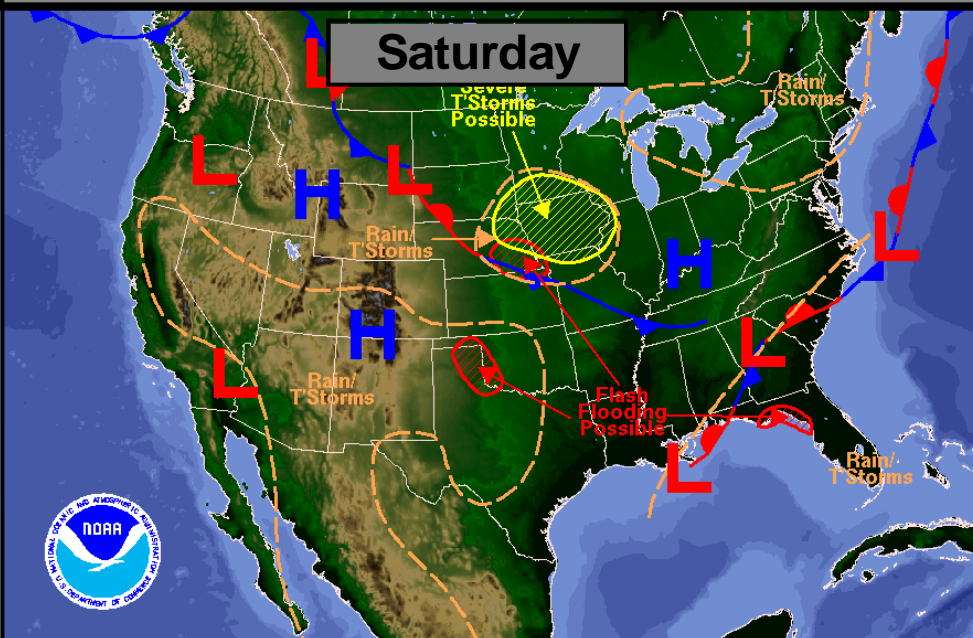
## Building a Weather-Ready Nation

# Today's Precipitation

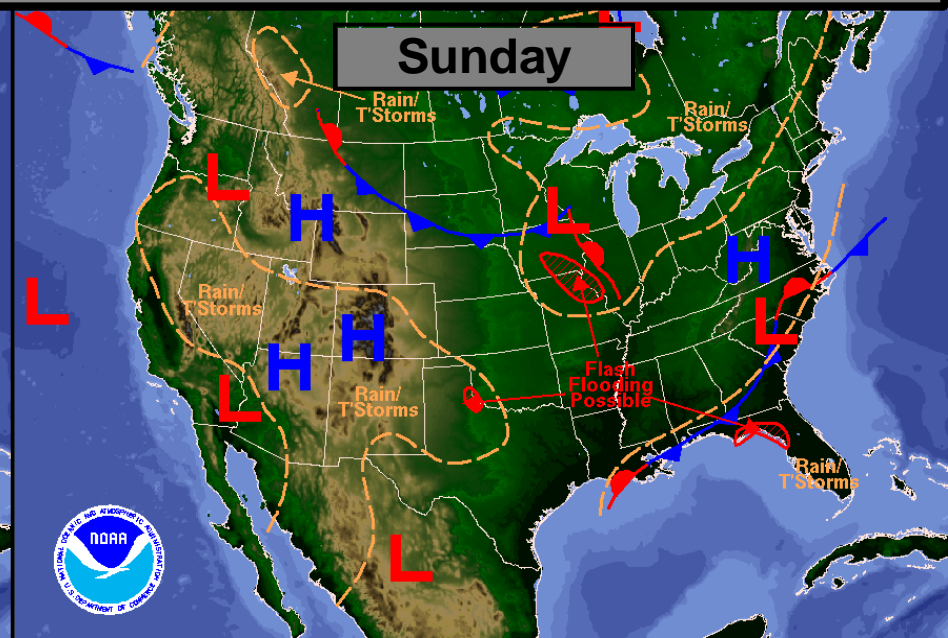
## Fri AM - Sat AM



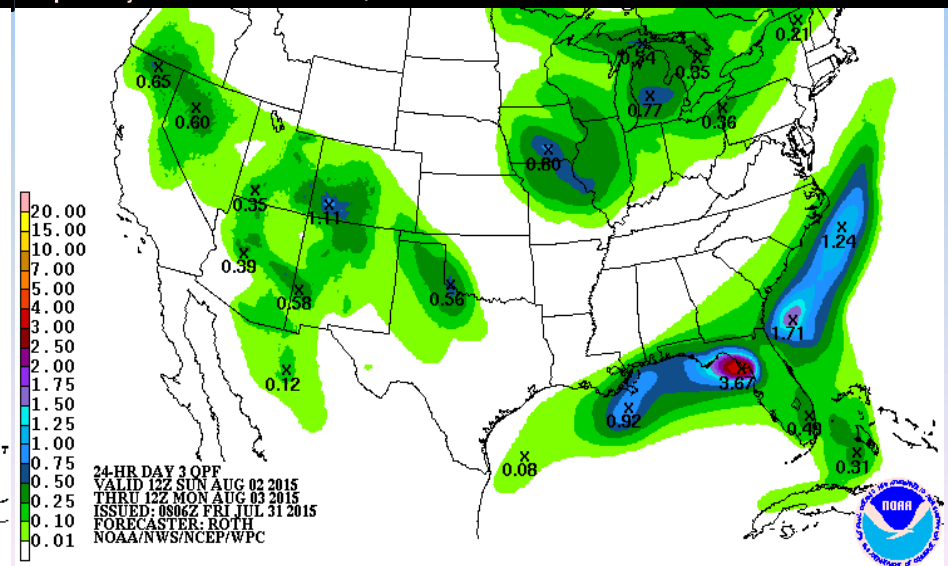
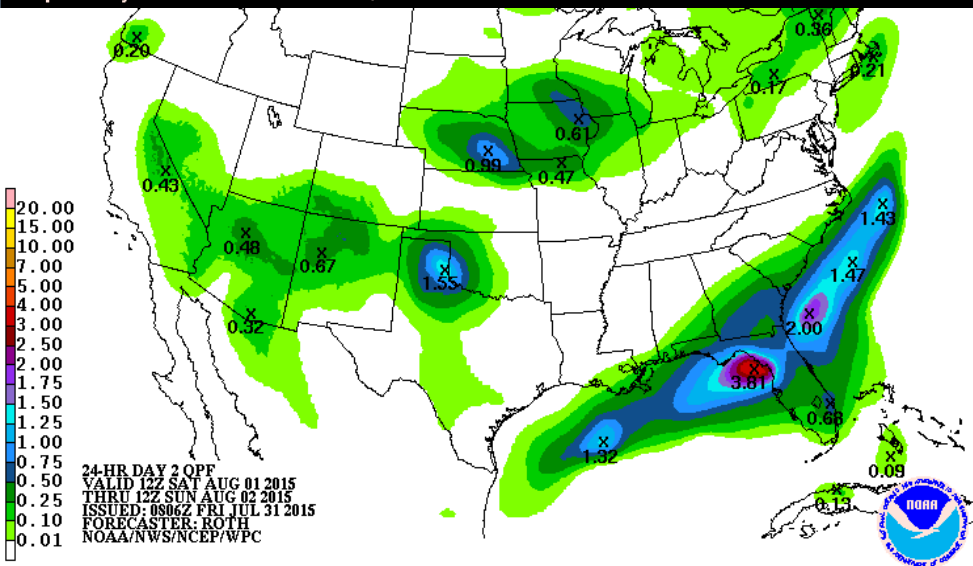
# Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Weather Forecast for Sat, Aug 01, 2015, issued 4:30 AM EDT Fri, Jul 31, 2015  
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Weather Forecast for Sun, Aug 02, 2015, issued 4:36 AM EDT Fri, Jul 31, 2015  
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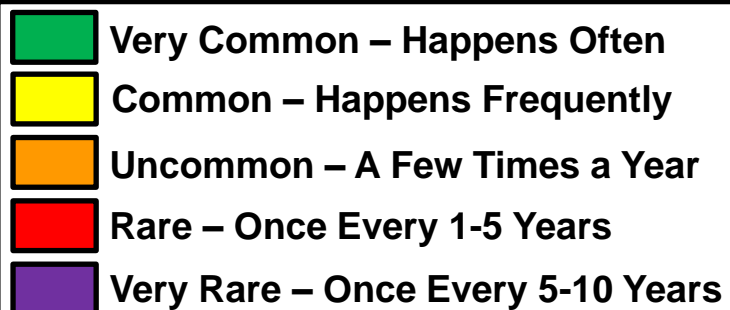


# Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat - 0800 Mon



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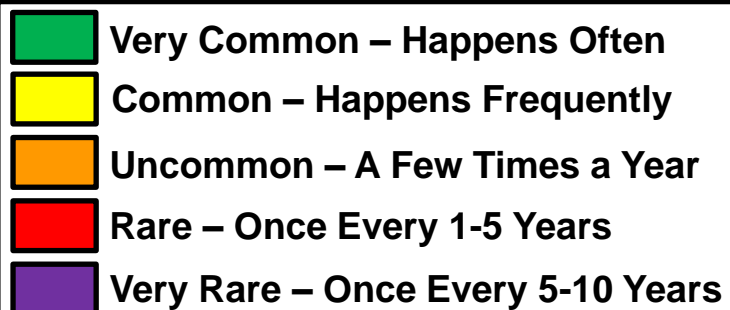
# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

*Valid: 0800 Mon - 0800 Wed*



**Isolated tstms &  
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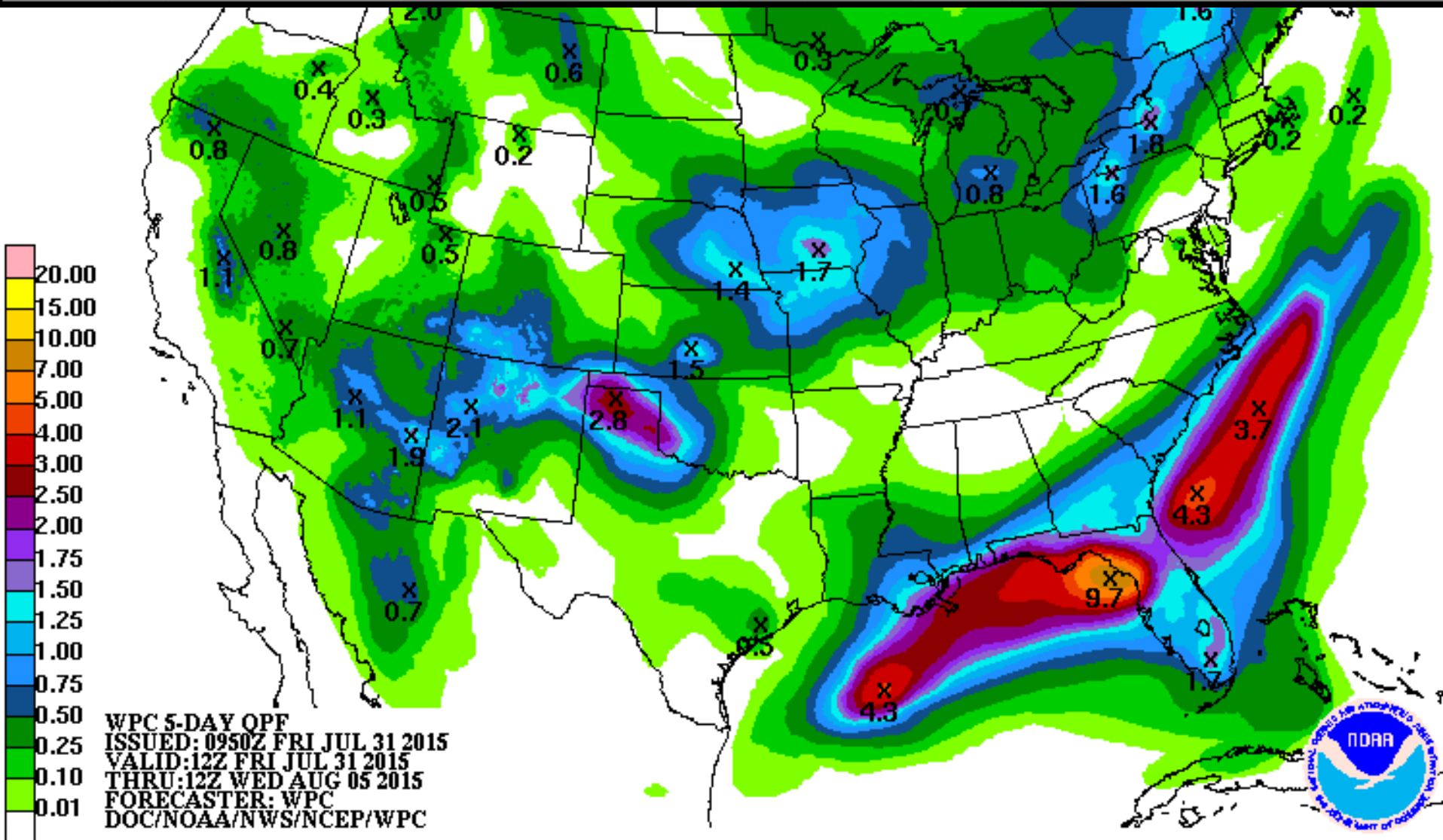
**Heat index  
values over 105  
degrees**



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# 5-Day Precipitation

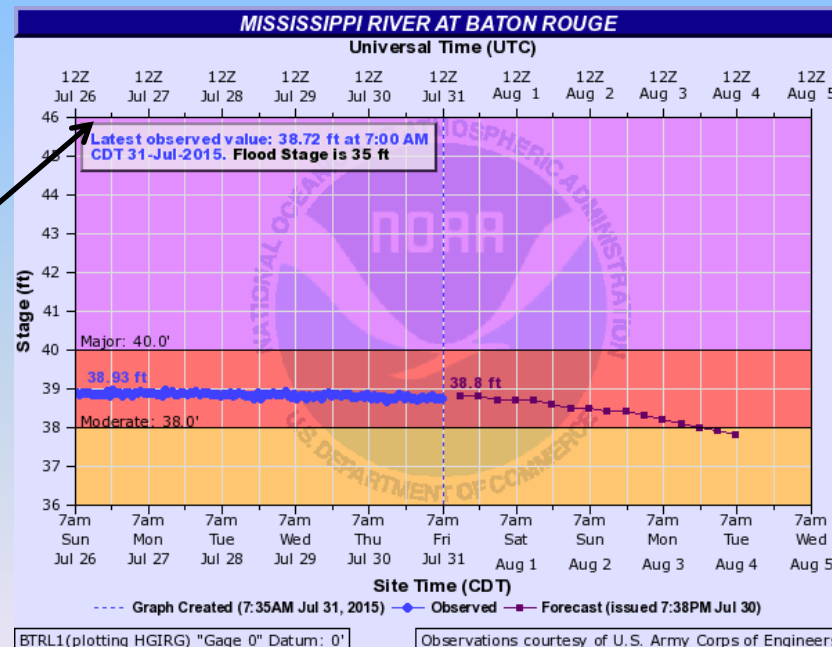
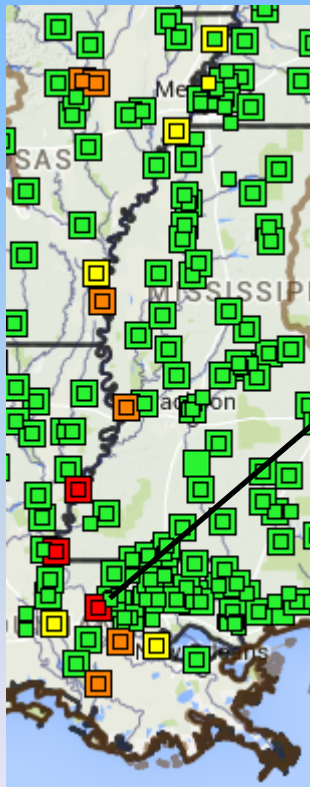
## Fri AM - Wed AM



# Mississippi River Flood Status

The Lower MS River is generally expected to remain in Minor Flood Stage, with a few points in Moderate Flood Stage.

River Status		
	Observed	Forecast
No Flooding		
Near Flood Stage		
Minor Flooding		
Moderate Flooding		
Major Flooding		



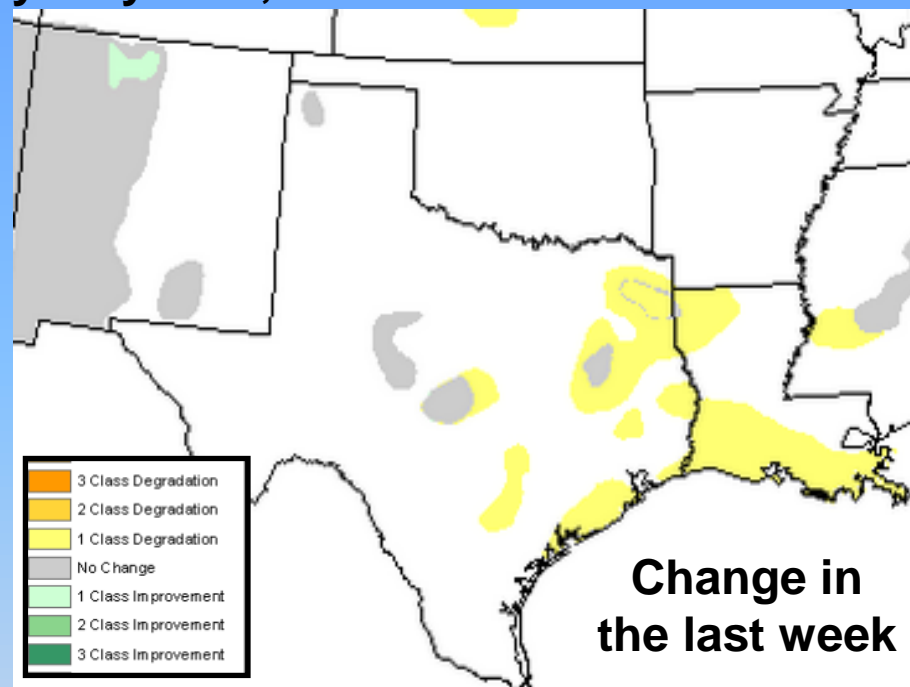
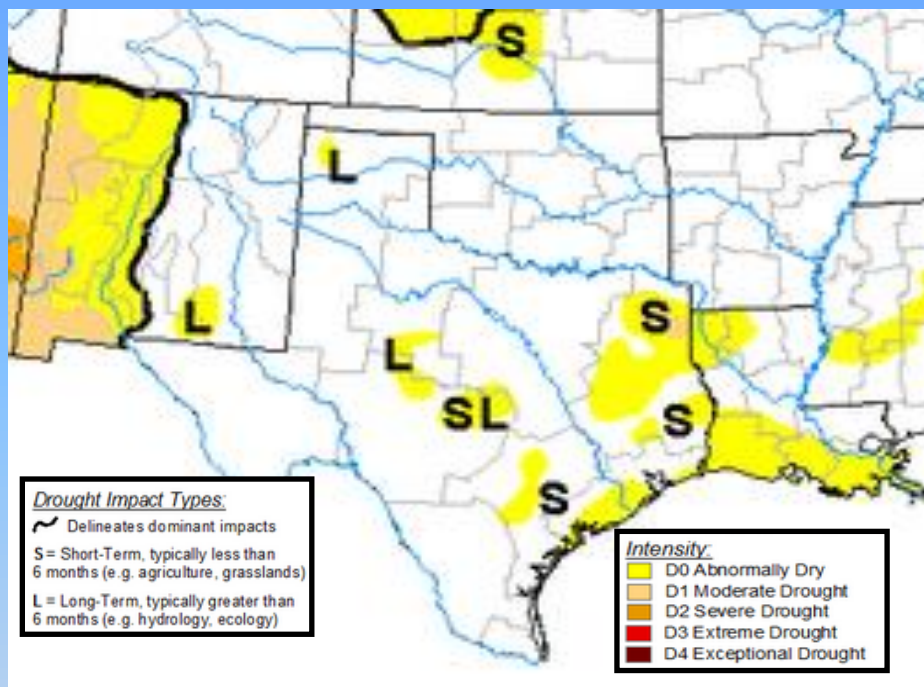
Possible impacts in/around Baton Rouge:  
River traffic and industrial activity on the river side of the levees will be affected. Navigational safety regulations will be strictly enforced.

For latest river stages/forecasts, go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/rfcexp/main.php?fs=1>



# Drought Monitor Released July 23rd, 2015

Data valid as of Tuesday July 30th, 2015



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	24.34%	23.36%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	5.57%	14.29%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	18.26%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

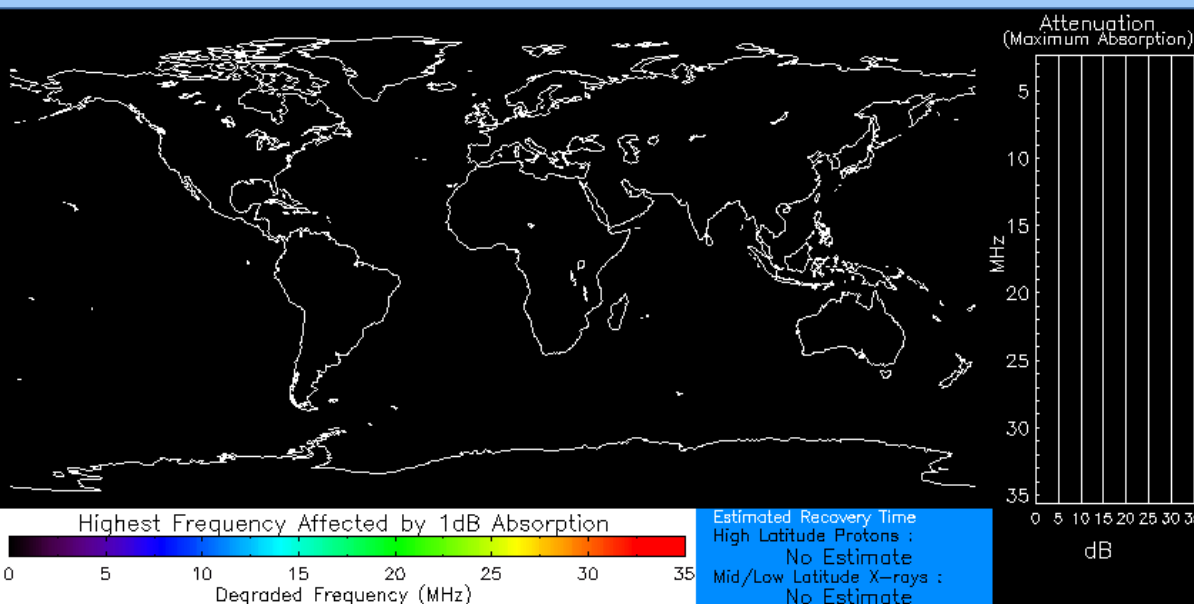
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Active (Max Kp =4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	5%	5%	5%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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